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Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the mailing of a final Office action. Enclosed is a reply to the final Office action.

Enclosed is a check for \$385.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination.

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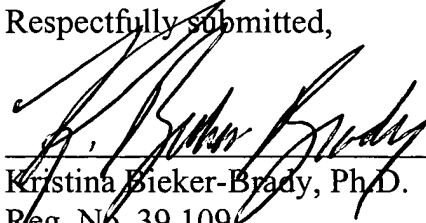
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